

TEXAS TOWN TOPICS.

NEWS NOTES GATHERED BY POST REPORTERS.

A Child Fatally Injured in a Ransacking-Cyclone Drives Talks in Opposition to Democracy and Christianity—News Believed.

HEMPSTEAD, December 10.—A and secured here today. A negro boy was driving a pair of horses belonging to Mr. Claud Laurin, whose 5-year-old boy was along to enjoy a ride in the beautiful atmosphere. The horses took fright and the little boy was forcibly thrown out upon some hard object. The skull was fractured, the upper lip badly cut and the nose broken. The boy was brought to town as soon as it was possible to do so, but the attending doctor says that his chance to recover are very slim.

Burglars made an unsuccessful attempt to open the safe in the store of Mr. Hanner. They entered the store and drilled two holes on both sides of the combination and began to drill a third one. The burglar must have been noticed at the business, for the little "dial" safe was opened. The safe, however, was empty.

The new bank building is now in possession of the Farmers' National bank and is a beauty. The new furniture, costing nearly \$3000 was put in place yesterday and a large number of people went there and called on the new bank.

Tax collector Poplar is authority for the statement that the collection of the receipts for 1893 are five times as large as the receipts three years ago.

Mount Selman.—December 8.—Crops are all gathered and found to be short both corn and cotton.

Dr. Jones is building on his new residence lot, and S. S. Alexander's residence south of town is likewise completed. Dr. Rowland is also building on his new lot.

Mrs. L. P. White, who has been confined to her bed with fever for the last four months, is now up and about.

Mrs. J. S. Walker's health is improving, and all hope to see her fully recovered.

Mr. W. T. McKee of Tehuacan is in town on business.

Mr. R. A. Irving, who has been absent in Central Texas for the last two months, has returned to his old home.

G. A. McKee & Son, who are engaged in surveying, have a large force employed.

Our school, under the management of Prof. M. A. Ziegler, is progressing splendidly with sixty pupils.

Lane White has come to Usher county to take a school.

Thomas Perkins will move to the country next year.

Last night the north bound passenger train on the Tyler Southern was leaving here. J. M. McFarland, who has been on board to assist an aged and feeble lady, was leaving the train. He was thrown violently to the ground, against a heavy steel, fracturing one bone of the right arm.

Miss Anne Johnson left last night for Texas, where she will make her future home.

Cuero.—December 10.—The Cuero Star has been two columns of its paper to the people to be run by them and be under their entire control. Mr. W. W. Crockett, its editor, who has been the secretary for the executive committee of this county.

There were not very many persons here, but one occurred last night, and it is the worst of the season. It is a case of cholera, and the victims were very quiet. The victims were very quiet. The victims were very quiet.

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HATTROP, December 1.—The following announcements published today are of interest to large circles of Texans. At the Hattrop school here and elsewhere, at the Hattrop school here and elsewhere, at the Hattrop school here and elsewhere.

The African Methodist Episcopal conference, in session here all week, will adjourn Sunday night, after a most successful session. The conference will adjourn Sunday night, after a most successful session.

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Following is a list of the prisoners who were convicted at this term of court: Joe Jones, colored, seven years; B. Schell, white, two years; Walter Washington, white, two years; Fred Brown, two years; W. H. Miller, white, two years.

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ON THE RIVER NECHES.

SUGGESTS AN IMPROVEMENT IN LUMBER CONDITIONS.

A New Railroad Bridge for the Southern Pacific—Cross Matters.

Document.—Texas, December 8.—The draw bridge of the Southern Pacific railroad over the Neches river will soon be replaced by a heavier structure. For some time past the bridge has been in a state of disrepair, and it is now being replaced by a new one. The new bridge will be a heavy steel structure, and it will be a great improvement on the old one. It will be a great improvement on the old one.

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MISSIONS THE THEME.

REPORT OF THE BOARD TO THE CONFERENCE.

Falling Off in Collections, But No Default in the Zeal of Clergy or Laymen—The Year's Work.

Orange, Texas, December 10.—A change in the programme yesterday after the announcements were made last night at the missionary conference. The conference was called to order by Rev. J. C. Calhoun. A report from the board of missions was read, showing that the assessments for domestic missions had been \$1200; collected, \$1200; for foreign missions, assessed, \$1200; collected, \$1200. The report further stated that there had been no diminution in the zeal of the preachers nor in the liberality of the people. Report adopted.

Rev. W. M. Hayes then took the stand and delivered a missionary address, beginning with the statement that there would be no collection, but an opportunity would be given for free contributions.

The bishop graciously accepted the offer, and the collection was made. The collection was made.

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THE HIGHER COURTS.

THE SYNOPSIS OF DECISIONS AS HANDLED DOWN.

Readings of the State Courts of Last Resort in Cases Taken Up on Appeal From the Lower Judicial Tribunals.

Court of Criminal Appeals.—J. W. Hurt, W. L. Davidson and E. J. Simkins, Judges; K. L. Henry, assistant attorney general; E. P. Smith, clerk. Sitting at Tyler, Texas, December 10.—Following are the decisions handed down by the court of criminal appeals yesterday:

Amos Garner vs. the State.—On appeal from the county court, the State was convicted of murder and his punishment assessed at life imprisonment. The State's theory was the homicide was premeditated and caused by jealousy. The defense was that it was accidental, that standing in the room with the deceased, he saw him and he was surprised to find him in the room when he accidentally fired. No one was present.

Appellant had not been arrested for seven years. He was not charged by the court that if the homicide was accidental to acquit was sufficient without any further evidence. The court was divided 2 to 1. If the homicide was intentional, the punishment should have been reversed. Opinion by Simkins, J.

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A Veteran's Story.

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